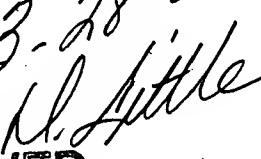




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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 1999, the time period for responding to which has been extended to March 15, 2000 by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time and the requisite fee, Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 105, 106, 108, 111, 113, 115, 117 and 130-144 as follows:

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105. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim 104 wherein